

## SELDOM SMILES, BUT WILL FIGHT

Indian Doughboy Can "Go Some" in Own Way.

## HE HARDLY EVER SALUTES

Has Unusual Scouting Abilities, Both Hereditary and Acquired—Wins Spangles on the Veste by Remarkable Exploit in Silencing Enemy Machine Gun—Officer Wants German Field Glasses, "Chief" Gets Them.

"The Chief" has smiled for the second time since he came to France—and it is the talk of the —th infantry.

"The Chief" is Private Ross, a full-blooded Ute Indian. About a year ago he threw up his job herding sheep in the barren hills of southern Arizona, walked 50 miles down to Bisbee, "rode the rods" to El Paso and enlisted. In the training camp he was nicknamed "The Chief." There also it was discovered that "The Chief" had unusual scouting abilities—both hereditary and acquired.

He was assigned as battalion scout. That's when he smiled the first time. Chief Ross is hardly a model soldier. He hardly ever salutes an officer and says "Ugh" for "Yes, sir," and shakes his head for "No, sir." Although he has a fair command of English he talks very little. Once only he was detected saluting an officer—that was when he had gone to the officer three times to ask for a leave pass. The third time he saluted.

Wins Spangles on Veste. But "The Chief" wiped out all the little black marks for sins of omission in the fighting up on the Veste.

A lone machine gun in a stone building about 200 yards in front of the Americans was holding up the advance. It was broad daylight—three o'clock in the afternoon. The task of silencing the machine gun was given to "Chief" Ross and a picked patrol of three other men.

The patrol disappeared into the brush with "The Chief" leading, with his pistol ready and two hand grenades in his hip pockets. The emplacement was "spotted" in the upper window of the stone house. Two men were left out in front in the bushes to draw the fire of the gun, while Ross stealthily worked up toward one side of the building and his companion on the other. Ross crawled up to the side of the building unobserved and edged around to where he could see the muzzle of the machine gun protruding from a window.

Two seconds later a well-placed grenade burst in the room with the Germans, killing two and shattering the machine gun. The surviving German executed a strategic retreat through the rear window and slid down to the ground behind the building where he would be protected by another machine gun farther back.

Chief Outwits Enemies.

It was sure death to try to reach the running German from either side of the building. The German was cunning but not so cunning as "The Chief." He swung himself up to the window and crawled rapidly up the roof toward the ridgepole. From that point of vantage he could see the enemy without danger to himself.

Three shots stopped the fleeing Boche.

That was when "The Chief" smiled the second time, the boys of the —th infantry declare. Some of them aver that "The Chief" emitted the Ute war-whoop, surprising the Germans so much that they stopped firing for a few moments.

Once before the incident on the Veste, so the boys say, "The Chief" almost smiled. A lieutenant expressed a desire for a pair of German field glasses within the hearing of Ross. That night he went out and came back in 40 minutes with a fine pair of German glasses. As he presented them to the lieutenant he merely said, "Heap easy," and almost smiled.

## PEA-SHOOTERS WARNED

Food Administrator Appeals to Patriotism of Cleveland Boys.

"Every pea you shoot is a shot for the Kaiser," said County Food Administrator R. C. Roueche, in an appeal to the patriotism of the boys of Cleveland to cease from the practice of pea-shooting, the time-honored boyhood method of warfare, and help win the war.

"Food will win the war. Peas are food. You may not waste many, but remember if all the boys in the country waste peas it will mean an enormous loss," he also states in his appeal.

Prefers Death to Serving.

Preferring death to serving in the army and fearing he might be called at any time following registration, J. O. Hill, Jr., took his own life at Charleston, W. Va. He climbed a tree on the edge of a cliff of rocks, adjusted a noose over his neck and jumped over the edge. Death was instantaneous. He was thirty-six years old and a Socialist. He was a farmer.

## FILL ALL SILOS TO THEIR LIMIT

Money, Time and Labor Can Be Saved by Taking Advantage of Modern Methods.

## FARMERS SHOULD COMBINE

Essential That Corn Be Mature and Past the Dough Stage Before Cut—Make Use of Boys for Tramping and Packing.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

On account of the labor shortage, neighborhood co-operation in silo filling should be highly developed during the current fall. All the silage crops should be saved without loss, while all silos should be filled to capacity. Five or six or more farmers who own silos in one community should combine their working forces into a crew which should rotate from farm to farm as the corn becomes ripe enough. Such an arrangement resulting from the interchange of neighborhood farm labor will minimize the expense of housing the silage crops.

It is essential that corn should not be cut for ensilage until it is mature and through the dough stage, as repeated demonstrations have shown conclusively that corn in this condition is at the peak of nutrient value. The bugaboo about frosted corn being wholly unsuitable for ensilage is a fallacy, as corn which has been damaged with frost can be converted into very good ensilage if it is cut shortly after frost. In the case of badly frosted corn, however, there occurs a considerable loss of leaves.

Watering the Chopped Feed.

In case the corn is excessively dry and wilted at the time of silo filling water should be run through a rubber hose into the cutting box and blower during the filling process so that the chopped feed may be wet thoroughly and rendered succulent for future feeding. In extreme cases where it is impossible to saturate the corn completely in this manner, and where water pressure is available, a second hose is sometimes carried over the top of the silo so that the water falling on a board inclined against the side of the silo and moved at regular intervals serves efficiently to thoroughly moisten the forage.

Use of Elevating Attachment. Labor in loading the corn on the wagons in the field may be reduced by the use of an elevating attachment several standard types of which are now on the market. This device is at-



Silo-Filling Crew Gathering Corn—Sled Type Cutter Is in Use and Corn Is Carried Directly to Wagon.

tached to the corn harvester and deposits the bundles of corn as they are cut on the wagons which may be driven opposite the machine. If it is desired to start the blower several hours ahead of the ensilage cutter, this attachment is not used, as then the corn may be dumped on the ground and from there loaded by hand.

In view of the current high prices of grain, the specialists of the United States department of agriculture suggest that, in many instances, the ears may be profitably snapped or husked and only the fodder converted into silage. By the practice of this system the silo will still provide a wealth of cheap, succulent roughage.

Sealing Is Neglected. Sealing of the silo after the structure is filled is too often neglected. There are a number of practical methods of topping off the silo so as to minimize waste and spoilage. A common practice is to level the silage and then to tramp over the top thoroughly for 20 or 30 minutes every day for a week, in order to eliminate air pockets near the top of the silo and to thoroughly compact the mass of feed. Then oats may be sown after the top of the ensilage has been thoroughly soaked with water.

Make Use of Boys.

The specialists of the department recommend the use of boys in the silo for tramping and packing the ensilage during the filling process as conservative of man labor as well as silo space. Under this arrangement one man to handle the distributor pipe with three

or four boys in an average 14 to 16-foot diameter silo will not only pack away the feed so that it will all be saved, but they also will render available the maximum tonnage capacity of the silo.

## WOOL WILL LONG BE SCARCE

Life of a Pound of Valuable Product Has Been Shortened on Account of the War.

"Even with peace it is doubtful if our clothes will return to normal, in price or otherwise, until long after the war," writes Douglas Jaspersen in Everybody's. "The necessity of rehabilitating the millions of men in khaki is already a problem. This vast army to be re clothed will be a heavy drain upon the world's already exhausted wool and shoddy market. Then, too, the need of depleted Germany for wool and shoddy should further tend to increase the shortage all over the world.

"Ever since the beginning of the war shoddy has been disappearing from our midst at an alarming rate, while the production of wool has been entirely inadequate to the world's needs.

"In normal times the life of a pound of wool in its various incarnations extends over a period of years. "But war, the most wasteful of all businesses, has changed the old order of things. Both the virgin wool and the shoddy that went to make up that khaki coat for some soldier are buried, with its wearer, somewhere 'over there' and will never return to do duty for us again. And so, in a great many cases, the life of a pound of wool has been suddenly reduced from somewhere around six years to as many months. Wool alone can never clothe the world. It has been shoddy that kept the world's clothing bill down for many a year, and until the shoddy supply is normal again we can all expect to have more or less trouble with our clothes."

## IN SPANISH HALL OF FAME

The Name of Espartaco, Duke of Vittoria, Has Been Properly Accorded High Position.

Fifty years ago Queen Isabella was dethroned, and Spain threw off the yoke of the Bourbons and inaugurated a new order of things, looking at least to the establishment of a constitutional government, if not a government of the people.

Espartaco, duke of Vittoria, was placed at the head of the state. He had occupied that position on two former occasions. He aided in securing the succession of Isabella, and successfully led her armies in putting down the Carlists. In the insurrection of 1840, caused by the law suppressing the freedom of speech in the town councils, Espartaco became head of the government and was confirmed in that position by the cortes, and was appointed regent during the minority of the queen. He was deposed in 1843 and had to fly to London for safety. In 1847 he was recalled to Spain and by the revolution of 1854, which drove the Queen Mother Christina and Narvaez from the country, he was again placed at the head of the government, a position which he resigned in 1856. Espartaco was born in 1792. He was the son of a wheelwright, commenced life as a common soldier in the Spanish army and gained his honors and titles by his own ability as a soldier and statesman.

## White Light Best.

White light seems to be the most comfortable for the eye. In tests of the effects of various illuminants C. E. Ferree and J. Rand, as described to the American Illuminating society, have used kerosene lamps and various incandescent lamps and it appears from the results that the color of the light has a marked effect on eye fatigue. With the white light of the tungsten lamp there was the least loss to the worker from need of resting the eyes. The fatigue was somewhat greater with the yellow light of the carbon lamp or kerosene lamp, and greatest of all with the tungsten lamp having a blue bulb.

## Some Benefit From Poison Gas.

Chemists are planning to use inventions devised to protect soldiers from the poison gas of the Huns for the protection of industrial workers in mines and factories. The absorbents used in gas masks may also serve as safeguards from foul gases which are generated in certain industrial processes. Likewise, some of the poison gases that American chemists have devised in reprisal against German devilry, it is believed, can be used in the extermination of vermin and also for the disinfection of fruit orchards from insects and other blights, such as San Jose scale.

## Repopulation Problem.

The reichstag is concerned with problems which threaten the German birth rate. It is recommended to get the workers away from the cities, where they can have small detached cottages in which light and country air and nutritious food can be obtained. This course would tend to increase the number of births. It has been learned that about half of the mutilated soldiers are marrying women older than themselves, a custom which is pernicious for repopulation. To check infant mortality more children's clinics will be established.

## ISTHMUS PROUD OF WAR RECORD

Canal Met Every Demand That Was Made Upon It.

## QUICK PASSAGE FOR NITRATE

Machinery Had Hardly Been More Than Tested When It Was Called Upon to Do Yeoman Service for the Cause—Witnessed Fewer Unpleasant Incidents Than Any Place Under American Flag.

The Panama canal force is proud of the way the big ditch behaved during the war. It was completed barely in time to play its part in affording quick passage to the nitrate ships carrying their indispensable cargoes from Chili to the United States and Europe, and its machinery had hardly been more than tested before it was called upon to do yeoman service for the cause.

The departure of General Goethals also put a new governor at the head of the administration in this critical period, but Governor Harding's hand at the helm has been no less successful than that of his predecessor in making the canal. The period of the war has witnessed fewer incidents here of an unpleasant character than any other place under the American flag. There have been no slides from the sides of the "cut," no strikes or other labor troubles; no sabotage; no interruption to traffic no shortage of supplies; no lack of adequate provision in arranging for all the needs of the Zone.

## Enemy Plots Frustrated.

Germans were promptly interned and all suspicious characters deported. Precautions against spies were so thorough that the impossibility of getting by the Zone police has been a subject of comment on all sides. Tons of German propaganda were intercepted and all sorts of tentative plots nipped in the bud. A revolutionary movement against Costa Rica, engineered by political exiles here, was promptly squelched.

A volunteer news service was organized by canal employees and a counter-campaign against German propaganda was carried on all over Latin-America, which has had good results in the attitude of many of the governments in South and Central America.

More than 10 per cent of the canal employees went to the war. Those remaining worked overtime in every department. The Zonites gave \$50,000 a year to the Red Cross; subscribed nearly \$5,000,000 in all to the Liberty loans and never once complained about high prices or grumbled over conditions imposed by the war. None of them showed alarm over the submarine menace.

## Women Do Their Share.

The women knitted and sewed for the Red Cross, and entertained the British wounded on their way to Australia and New Zealand with a hospitality which has been commented upon in the newspapers of those countries and officially recognized by their governments.

The health department has been notably efficient. The malarial rate has been lower than at any time since the American occupation. The influenza epidemic was so handled as to be practically negligible. The opium and cocaine trade was broken up, and the soldiers and sailors protected from other forms of dangerous vice.

Tens of thousands of acres of land in the zone were cleared and planted or turned into pasture and stocked with cattle against any possible blockade. The fishing business was developed with the same end in view.

Altogether the little American colony on the isthmus feel that they have kept their work going at a high pitch of efficiency, and the big demonstrations held on the victory day were full of evidences of their loyalty and enthusiasm in the parades, the speechmaking and the absence of any jarring note.

## WOMEN TO BE ADMITTED

Railway Y. M. C. A. Gives Them Same Standing as Men.

Women will be admitted to membership in the Railway Y. M. C. A. on the same basis as men, the board of directors of the association at Topeka, Kan., has decided. Women railroad employees and wives of employees will be admitted to a limited membership.

The women may use the bath and swimming pool on Monday evenings.

## Says Sun Has 31 Spots.

The sun is now spotted like a coach dog. Frank R. Seagrave, an astronomer, formerly an instructor at the Harvard university astronomical observatory, has a private observatory at Scituate, R. I., and he stated that he had counted 31 sun spots on the sun. Mr. Seagrave is trying to solve the mystery of these "holes."

## The Better Course.

It is better to fight for the good than to rail at the ill.—Tennyson.

## Classified Advertising

FOR SALE TO EXCHANGE

WOOD—Laurel, oak, fir and pine and dry pine at \$2.75 per tier delivered. R. Timmons, phone 532-J. 51tf

FOR SALE—A few weaned pigs. Price \$6. H. E. Gordon, R. F. D. No. 2. Phone 610-F-34. 63

FOR SALE—or trade—40 acres of timber for city property or good car. Address Box 112, City. 67

FOR SALE—Good wheat hay. Inquire Grants Pass-William stage, phone 287-R. 66

FOR SALE—Lot three blocks from postoffice, \$100. Young team, weight 2,700, will work any where. Harrow and other tools—Must sell at once. Joe Varner, 767 Foundry St. 67

FOR SALE—Ford car (first class shape), cultivator, double shovel cultivator, good range, bedstead and springs, feather tick and pillows (newly cleaned), heater, tables. Phone 502-F-12. 87

## TO RENT

FOR RENT—Partly furnished cottage at 321 Rogue River Avenue; three rooms and sleeping porch, good well and one-half acre of land, barn; \$5.00 per month. Key at 402 Rogue River Ave. 07tf

FOR RENT OR SALE—Our residences at 801 and 811, North 6th St., eight and ten dollars a month. Will sell either or both. Make me an offer. John Summers, Lebanon, Oregon. 40tf

FOR RENT—Partly furnished modern cottage at 724 North Sixth street. Key 718 North Sixth. Price, \$2 per month. 57tf

## WANTED

WANTED—Stock to feed. Inquire Grants Pass-Williams stage. Phone 287-R. 66

WANTED—By good all around cook, restaurant, hotel or camp work. First class pie maker. Jack Miller, Route 2, Box 71. 87

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STRAYED—Bright bay horse, weight 1,500 pounds, roached mane and long tail. Call Glen Provolt, Provolt, Ore. 63

## TO EXCHANGE

TO EXCHANGE—Eight acres in grain, half mile from city, six room house, barn, garage, telephone, mail delivery, school bus service; for town property. Phone 502-F-12. 87

## MISCELLANEOUS

JITNEY SERVICE—Any where, any time. Phone Mocha Cafe 181-R Otto J. Knips, Residence 149-Y 238

WE REPAIR cars, mag's, coils, generators, starters, batteries, ignition systems. Satisfaction guaranteed. Steiger Garage, 211 North Sixth street. 36tf

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FURS, FURS, FURS—We buy furs, hides, wool, old autos for wrecking, and all kinds of junk, Grants Pass Junk Co., 403 South Sixth street, phone 21. 72

AUTO REPAIRING—All kinds of automobile repairing, prompt service, all work guaranteed. 506 South Sixth street. 63

Had to Have Their Tobacco. In the Revolutionary war long pipes were smoked with great decoration by the Continental troops, and when tobacco was difficult to obtain many of the soldiers would go out of their way to get in contact with bands of itinerant Indians, who always had a good supply of the weed.

Beyond Power of Law. To stop a woman's tongue is beyond the power of the law. A man asked a Belfast magistrate for a summons the other day to stop his wife's tongue, as she talked too much. He was told that the law could offer him no relief.

## The Difference.

"Of course, it seems funny," said the facetious observer's wife. "But the evening gown is for the woman who stays up most all night, and the nightgown is for the one who goes to bed about nine o'clock."

## Teach Child to Love Pictures.

A child's taste in pictures can be cultivated by having in his room pictures which are good both as to color and subject. Pictures dealing with nature in any form are always attractive to a child and if they are hung low in the room so that the child can even handle them if he wants to, this adds much to his enjoyment.

## Docks Electrically Equipped.

Electricity plays an important part in the equipment of piers. It is used for the operation of the fire pumps, the sprinkler system, fire alarm, for trucks, lighting the interior of the pier and for the protective lighting outside of the pier, also for the movement of freight cars by electric locomotives.

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